



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: PARKS MAINTENANCE

DATE: May 18, 2007

Approved /s/

Date 05/25/07

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the development of parks maintenance partnership strategies as directed in the 2007-2008 mayor's March Budget Message.

ANALYSIS

The Administration has agendized on the June 5, 2007 Council meeting, a staff report and work plan on public-private partnership(s) that seeks the Council's approval to implement. The work plan will focus the discussion of this issue and facilitate decision-making on competing policies and identified obstacles. To assist this effort, a committee has been formed to identify issues for a policy discussion regarding partnerships with private corporations, non-profits, and individual donors willing to provide supplementary resources for parks maintenance and other opportunities. Other issues to be reviewed include procurement policy application, wage and insurance requirements, as well as collective bargaining issues. Many of these issues are inter-dependent and may have implications to business models in place elsewhere in the City.

Staff will report its progress on completing work plan milestones on a monthly basis to the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee through December 2007, with presentation of policy recommendations to the City Council by January 2008.

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